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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "CITY SUMMIT (HABITAT II)" STAMPS

Commemorative stamps

1. On Monday, 3 June 1996, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue stamps on the theme "City Summit (Habitat II)" to commemorate the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements being held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 25 stamps, consisting of 5 horizontal se-tenant strips of 5 stamps each. The denominations will be 32 cents, F.s. 0,70 and S 6. The se-tenant strips are the unit of sale. The stamps were designed by Teresa ` .solino (United States of America).

32 cents
($1.60 per se-tenant strip)

F.s. 0,70
(United States equivalent: $3.32 per se-tenant strip
subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

S 6
(United States equivalent: $3.30 per se-tenant strip
subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

General information

2. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets ONLY.

3. Owing to the need to curtail expenses, the new stamps and hand cancellations can be purchased by members of delegations and of the staff from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 3 June 1996 ONLY at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building. There will be no outposted UNPA sales counter in the Secretariat Building until further notice.

4. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

5. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at the United Nations Web server (http://WWW.UN.ORG) under the "Publications and Sales" icon.